Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER
By Bud Hughes K4CWG

People throughout the world including many of our club members are downloading a program called Echolink. To download the address is www.echolink.org.

Echolink is free, in order to operate your computer must have access to the Internet, have a sound card and a microphone. When you download you will be required to give your name, call sign, location and a password. The system will then validate your call sign through the FCC database. It will take a few minutes or a few hours to validate your call sign depending on the amount of traffic being handled by Echolink.

Through this connection, you will be able to talk to other ham radio operators in just about ever country in the world without having to have a radio or antenna. The voice quality is as good or better than most signals you hear on the ham bands. There is neither QRM nor QSB.

I downloaded in October and was issued Node Number 5139. In just two months since I downloaded the node number they've grown from 50,000 to middle 70,000s.

In my opinion, during the 47 years as a ham, the advent of Echolink mode of communication is the greatest innovation to our hobby.

For those who have deed restrictions, not enough room for an antenna or house bound due to health reasons, this is the thing for you.

Don't forget the club has advanced tickets ($8.00 ea.) to the upcoming (Feb 7-8-9) Orlando hamfest. Tickets at the door will be $10.00 plus the standing in the ticket line.

The club will have "club tables" in Building 3. The table numbers are 18 and 19. If you have anything you would like to put on the table bring it over, give us the price you would take for the item and the attending club members will try and sell the same for you.

The club continues to enjoy a great turn out at the Thursday "eating meeting" currently being held at the Village Inn. Come join us and bring a friend.

Until next month my best wishes to you and yours.

## TREASURER REPORT
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

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| Balance forwarded from 2001 | $4,574.11 |
| Deposits (Year to Date) | $4,215.38 |
| Total Income | $8,789.47 |
| Expenditures | $6,980.88 |
| Balance (12/31/02) | $1,808.61 |

## NOVEMBER MINUTES

After the opening ceremonies, President Bud Hughes K4CWG turned the floor over to Clara Abell KE4YQL who was in charge of elections. Clara – with help from Pike – did her usual efficient job of running the elections and in short order the following officers and board members were elected.

President: K4CWG Bud Hughes
V/Pres.: N4SCY Ozzie Osband
Sec/Treas: KF4HTB Becky Lee
Board Members:
W4EPU – Pike Abell
WA3FKC – Ed Summersett
AA4HP – Hank Phillips
AE4LE – Ralph Hall

Shawn from the Jaycees asked club members to help with the Christmas Parade again this year and gave the date, time and place information.

## DECEMBER MINUTES

The Christmas party was held at the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Dec. 15. Clara KE4YQL was in charge of the program and as usual, a grand time was had by all. She was assisted by Pike W4EPU, Marie N2USO and Cori KE4WQD. Becky KF4HTB won the prize for the only "World's Greatest Lie" entry. Clara KE4YQL was awarded the "Soap on the Rope" trophy and Stephanie K4MVO won the "Ham of the Year" award. After the gifts were exchanged, the evening concluded with music and dancing.

they **ABELL'S ANECDOTES**
By Pike Abell W4EPU

A TRIP BACK HOME: Clara and I recently took our annual motor trip to Little Rock, Arkansas and attended my WW-II, Arkansas National Guard Association reunion. We have been meeting there since 1947. I reported here last year that it would probably be the 'Last Reunion' because the attendance was becoming fewer and fewer. Well, I was proven very wrong because the attendance this year was at least half again as many as last year. I am sure that as many as are able will return next year. I suppose we will simply take it one year at a time.

We always enjoy returning to where we came from, so to speak. We enjoy fraternizing with the people. It seems to us that they are more friendly, sociable and accommodating than some other places. It is nice to meet a total stranger in a public place who greets you as if you are old acquaintances. It is nice to see a gentleman tip his hat when he passes a lady even though they are total strangers.

We spent our first night on the trip in Demopolis, Alabama, a small town in western Alabama near the Mississippi state line. While eating supper at a restaurant, an elderly couple were also eating at an adjacent table, so close that we could not help but overhear their conversations. As they talked we determined that they were not married, just dating or socializing.

Finally the gentleman and I made eye contact and exchanged greetings and engaged in a conversation. I told him that we were from Titusville, FL. and just traveling through. He asked if Titusville was near the beach. He said he had been to only one beach in his life and that was Omaha Beach. (That is, of course, the beach where the Allies landed during WW-II.) He added "That is where I got this bum leg." (When they left I did notice he walked with a limp.)

As they finished their meal and preparing to leave he asked her, "Where shall we go now?" She said she didn't know. He said, "Let's go over to my place and cut open a watermelon." As they left Clara and I looked at each other and said in unison "Yeah right!" 73s & 88s

**PLEASE WELCOME YOUR NEW EDITOR**
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

You will notice that this issue of the newsletter has a new look and a new editor. Your new editor is Cori Summersett KE4WQD.
Clyde and I have been doing the newsletter since August 1992, and have enjoyed doing it, but 10 years is enough! It's time for some new blood. Please welcome Cori and tell her what a good job she is doing, and help her to make this a great newsletter by emailing her at *WA3FKC@amsat.org* any articles that you come across that you think would be of interest to other club members. I know she will appreciate it.

**FOOTNOTE** by Cori KE4WQD

If anyone deserves a special thanks it's Becky and Clyde for doing the newsletter for 10 years! In addition, Becky is the Club's Secretary and Treasurer. Plus, she's a snack angel for the monthly meetings. *She sure does a lot for this club!* So, next time you see Becky and Clyde please thank them for a job well done.
Last, If you send me an article for the newsletter please identify it as a TARC article as I'm also editor for another newsletter.

**DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

12/?? KE4QSY Raquel Stanton
12/01 WB4ZUZ Theresa Valek
12/02 NE4XT Bill BiMeo
12/07 KU4ZO Sherry Hughes
12/08 WN4YKC Don Hatfield
12/09 KC4VIO Jose Ramos
12/10 W4AHM Alan Marsden
12/11 KB4BHS Glenn Lee
12/11 KU4NR Chuck Manion
12/12 AF4N Wes Whitley
12/20 KE4MWY Dan Chycota
12/20 KE4WW Mattie Adams
12/20 KF4QIP Michael Albro
12/24 N4SCY Ozzie Osband
12/28 KB4ETY Bruce Hunter
12/29 KE4EJ Sandy Whitley
12/30 WD4NPT Bill Farrell
01/03 KE4AGO Bill Realy
01/07 KC2ENO Art Smith
01/08 WW4G Brian Van Alstine
01/09 KF4ECM Jim Lathrop
01/12 KE4NYM Matt Keller
01/14 KD4LLO David Webb
01/20 KG4KVO Ed Wirth
01/20 KE4TQZ Sandra Greenwald
01/21 KE4MXF Kay Jordan
01/21 KT4SY Eddie Gass
01/22 KG4PJP Alan Dunn
01/23 KC4VIN Carol Ramos
01/23 KD4GPF Joe Myers
01/26 K4SJC Les Griner
01/26 KG8AV Virgil Birchfield
01/27 KA4WIQ John Phillips
01/28 KF4VRR Donald Patten
01/28 WA4JWU Roger Verble

**Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Services Report for January, 2003**

By Stephanie Phillips K4MVO

On behalf of BEARS, I would like to thank all of the TARC volunteers who helped to make the most recent BEARS fund raising activity such a success. The gross was $240.00 and the net will probably be around $200.00. Thank you again to Pat KF4LTY, Joe KD4GPF, Bud K4CWG, Sherry KU4ZO, Ed KG4KVO, Mike KG4PCK, Barbara KG4PGK, and Ozzie N4SCY for helping us set up and breakdown, handing out our brochures, helping with the "Launch Witness" certificates, for talking up Ham Radio and our contributions to Emergency Communications, and for making the BEARS effort such a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

A special thanks to the other Hams, to include Ron McCracken KG4CVL of North Brevard REACT who also helped talk up Ham Radio and REACT. And thanks to all the other Hams who checked into the Launch Net. It is good to know we have so many folks who are available to help out in the vent of an emergency.

In December, the BEARS Board of Directors re-elected the existing staff: I'll be president for another year, Jim Bayless W4BAL will continue serving as our VP, Mac McMillin KD4GPJ is our Treasurer, and Joan Leake W4JBL will remain as our wonderful Secretary for another year. In December we also welcomed David Welborn KG4KYR the Indian River Amateur Radio Club's new EC and representative to the BEARS Board for Directors.

At our January meeting Nancy Smith, the Office of Emergency Management Community Coordinator, introduced Danny McKnight (Col. Ret.) to us. He is Brevard County's new Homeland Security Rep. He spoke to us about how important Amateur Radio and all the volunteer Emergency Communicators are to the overall Homeland Security effort. He not only emphasized the importance of our contributions but he also commended us for how much we train and for how well coordinated we are when responding to the County's communications needs. He thanked us for our efforts and encouraged us to continue in our outstanding manner.

Also discussed at our January meeting were:

1. FREE training on Phase I Incident Command System, offered by the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management, and taught by the Criminal Justice Center, at the BCC campus in Melbourne, Jan 28, 2003, 1-5 pm, Building 4 – the Auditorium. You may register on site. Yes, that is the same day at the TARC club meeting, but if you are interested in our County's Incident Command System, then this is the class for you.

2. EMWIN, Emergency Management Weather Information Network, is back on-line on 158.805, 1200 baud, from the County EOC, at 50 watts. If you need help connecting and receiving this valuable weather information, then contact Ernie Baldini,K4RBD on 147.135 (County repeater) or (321) 757-3094.

3. The City of Cocoa Fire Chief has asked for BEARS assistance with compiling an equipment requirements list for their Station.

4. The LISATS reported that the 146.94 machine is back up, at 30 watts only.

5. A donation of an ICOM 761 transceiver was received from Glenn Daughton W4FL.

6. Because of the generosity of the member organizations and equipment donations, BEARS currently has over $2000 in its account. More than enough to cover the insurance on the mobile assets. A special thanks to all of you who have contributed during the past year.

7. Nancy Smith outlined what was expected of BEARS during the upcoming Launch effort. How the county wanted our vehicles placed in strategic locations near viewing areas. We also discussed how we planned to run our nets and how many operators we thought we'd need for the effort.

8. We still need a mailbox for SEDAN in the North part of the County. (I have offered to help out, but if anybody else wants to step forward, it would be appreciated.)

9. ARES badging will be accomplished through Ray Kassis N4LEM, our EC, at his place of business in Cocoa. Contact me if you are interested in signing up for ARES or you need a replacement badge and I'll coordinate with Ray. I'll have forms with me at the next TARC meeting.

10. We are still working on updating our ARES list of participants. So don't be surprised when Ed KG4KVO and I call to ask if you are still interested in participating in ARES.

You are always welcome to attend our BEARS meetings, second Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the County EOC. Come a little early to sign in. I usually remember to bring cookies. It is not a food fest like at our TARC meetings, so some of us go out for a bite to eat at Steak 'n Shake on Merritt Island afterwards. Talk-in frequency is 147.135.

Please don't forget the ARES/RACES nets on Wednesdays: 147.135, at 9 am and again at 7 pm. The evening net is just a roll call net, very short and no training.

Again, I want to thank TARC for its many contributions to BEARS and for its continued support of Emergency Communications efforts here in Brevard County. You are a great group of Hams to work with and special thanks to Ed KG4KVO for being your EC. I look forward to working with all of you this upcoming year.

## CLUB OFFICERS

**President:**

Bud Hughes K4CWG 269-0779

**Vice President:**

Ozzie Osband N4SCY 321-LIFTOFF

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Becky Lee KF4HTB 267-9375

## ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pike Abell W4EPU 269-4208

Ed Summersett WA3FKC 269-5890

Hank Phillips AA4HP 264-2492

Ralph Hall AE4LE 267-9418

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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Total membership: 183
(127 regular, 42 family,
10 honorary, 4 other)

**NEW MEMBERS:**

KD4LLO David Webb
KG4UQF Jackie Keim
KG4UQG Robert T. Keim
KG4UQH Robert N. Keim
KA4WIQ John Phillips Jr.
KG4WRI Robert T. Traughber

**RENEWALS:**

AF4DP Bernie Flanagan
KD4GPF Joe Meyers
KD4HNW Ken Denman
N4KHU Dave Roberts
WD8JLT Brian Sonnenberg
KF4KUN Samual Denman
KE4MWY Dan Chycota
KF4FEZ Gail Chycota-
KU4NR Chuck Manion
KU4NR/XYL Fey Penny Manion
KF4QML Kevin Zimmerman
KF4VRR Donald Patten
AC4WM Mitch Matheny

**HAMFESTS:**

2/1-2 Miami
2/7-8-9 Orlando
2/15 Sebring
2/15 Brooksville
2/23 Zephyrhills

**CLUB INFORMATION**

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building.

Newsletter Editor: KE4WQD Cori Summersett WA3FKC@amsat.org

Nets:

***Red Eye***– Sundays 6 AM – 7 AM on 7.165 MHz

***Traders*** – Mondays at 10 AM on 146.91

***Friendship*** – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 146.91

***Mosquito***-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333

***VIP*** – Thursdays at 10 AM on 146.91

**REPEATER CUSTODIAN BOARD**

Les Griner K4SJC (146.91) 267-1565
Warren Murray W4CEL (146.97) 638-5476
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